

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-55 are pending in the instant application; claims 1-34 are the original claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,813,191, and claims 35-55 are the new claims added by the reissue application. Claims 1-34, 36-41, 43-48 and 50- 55 have not been amended. Claims 35 and 49 were amended for the first time, and claim 42 was amended for the second time, by the Amendment filed August 14, 2002.

This COMMUNICATION does not amend claims 35, 42 and 49, but presents claims 35, 42 and 49 amended by the amendment filed August 14, 2002, in proper format for amended claims of a reissue application. A copy of "THE VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" filed with the Amendment filed August 14, 2002 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The petition decision of May 23, 2000 granting the correction of adding original claims 1-34 states that a copy of the claims was supplied December 14, 1999. The Office Action dated March 17, 2008 notes that a copy of the claims is not found in the electronic file. Enclosed with this COMMUNICATION as Exhibit B is a true copy of Assignee's file copy of the PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 and as Exhibit C a true copy of Assignee's file copy of SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 36 CFR 1.175 having a copy of the original claims 1-34 and a copy of new originally filed claims 35-55. Also enclosed as Exhibit D is a copy of the post card stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 was received.

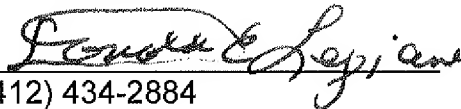
The Amendment filed August 14, 2002 is incorporated herein by reference.

Based on the forgoing, applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-55.

This COMMUNICATION represents a sincere effort to place this application in condition for allowance. In the event issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Mr. Andrew Siminerio at 412-434-4645, or the undersigned to discuss those issues before further action on the remaining issues is taken.

Respectfully submitted,

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